

REMARKS

This paper is responsive to the Office Action mailed from the Patent and Trademark Office on September 2, 2003, which has a shortened statutory period set to expire December 2, 2003.

Claims 1-20 are pending in the above-identified application. Claims 1-4 stand rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Poplawski et al (USP 5,879,173), Claims 5-8 are objected to, and Claims 9-20 are allowed.

In the current paper, Claims 1-4 are canceled, thereby obviating the rejection directed to these claims.

Claims 5 and 6 are amended to incorporate the limitations of Claim 1, thereby overcoming the objections directed to these claims, and placing Claims 5 and 6 in condition for allowance. No surrender of equivalence is intended by these amendments, and amended Claims 5 and 6 are believed to have the same scope of protection as that of Claims 5 and 6 as originally filed.

Claims 7 and 8 remain as filed, and are believed to be allowable due to their dependence from Claim 6. Accordingly, Claims 7 and 8 are also believed to be in condition for allowance.

Claims 9-20 remain as filed, and are indicated as allowed.

Claims 21-30 are newly entered.

Newly entered independent Claim 21 is similar to allowed Claim 9, with the only differences being that each recitation of "faceplate" in Claim 9 is changed to "first lever" in Claim 21, and each recitation of "lever" in Claim 9 is changed to "second lever" in Claim 21. No new matter is entered. Accordingly, Claim 21 is believed to be distinguished over the cited prior art for reasons similar to those applied to Claim 9.

Claims 22-25 depend from Claim 21, and are therefore believed to be distinguished over the cited prior art for at least the reasons provided above with reference to Claim 21. No new matter is entered by any of Claims 22-25.

Similar to Claim 21, newly entered independent Claim 26 reenters the limitations of Claim 15, but replaces "faceplate" with "first lever", and replaces "lever" with "second lever". In addition, Claim 26 recites "opening" in place of "transceiver latch", which is used in Claim 15. Support for "opening" is provided in Applicants' specification on paragraph 0006 (page 3):

Formed on bottom wall 164 of cage 160 is a transceiver latch 170 that defines a latch opening 175 for receiving boss 152 provided on the lower surface of transceiver housing 151 to secure transceiver 150 inside cage 100.

No new matter is entered. Accordingly, Claim 26 is believed to be distinguished over the cited prior art for reasons similar to those applied to Claim 15.

Claims 27-30 depend from Claim 26, and are therefore believed to be distinguished over the cited prior art for at least the reasons provided above with reference to Claim 26. No new matter is entered by any of Claims 22-25.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of all pending claims.

CONCLUSION

Claims 5-30 are pending in the present Application.
Allowance of Claims 5-30 is respectfully requested. If there
are any questions, please telephone the undersigned at (408)
451-5902 to expedite prosecution of this case.

Respectfully submitted,



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